GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:175
ANSWERED ON:14.03.2017
Wildlife Protection
Sundaram Shri P.R.

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken scientific and innovative measures to control Wild Animal-Human conflict in the country and if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether the Government has provided adequate funds and infrastructure facilities to develop the wild life and Bird sanctuaries, Zoological parks in the country to protect endangered animals and birds;
(c) if so, the details of funds allocated and released for the purpose during each of the last three years and the current year, sanctuary/zoological parks and State- wise; and
(d) the steps taken by the Government to develop Marine parks, Zoological parks and bird sanctuaries in the country including Tamil Nadu?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE)

(a), (b), (c) and (d)
A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a), (b), (c) AND (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *175 REGARDING "WILDLIFE PROTECTION" RAISED BY SHRI P. R. SUNDARAM DUE FOR REPLY ON 14.03.2017.

(a) The management of wildlife in the country is taken up in a scientific manner by the respective State/Union Territory Governments. The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has issued advisories to the State/Union Territory Governments for management of human wildlife conflict situations. These advisories also indicate the following important actions broadly aiming adoption of scientific principles:
i. Use of local data in special patterns at Division/Range level with GIS based system.
ii. Radio telemetry for identification and pattern of movement of large wildlife in case of threat to humans.
iii. Maintaining foraging grounds within forests along boundaries and augmenting palatable grasses.
iv. Identifying and upkeep of wildlife movement corridors, especially migratory patterns.
v. Payment of ecosystem services principles as an option indentified areas, for encouraging land owners for adopting desirable land use practices. In community interest.

(b) and (c) Ministry provides financial assistance to State /Union Territory Governments under various Centrally Sponsored Scheme viz., Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats (IDWH), 'Project Tiger' and 'Project Elephant' for the scientific management of wildlife habitats including development of infrastructure facilities for wildlife conservation. Funds are also released for management of Zoological Parks in the country. State-wise details of fund released under these schemes during the last three years and the current year is given in the Annexure.

(d) Development of Protected Areas including Marine Parks, Zoological Parks are the responsibility of the respective states/operators. However, in case of Zoological Parks, The Central Zoo Authority provides recognitions as per provisions of Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972. Financial and technical assistance is provided by the Ministry/Central Zoo Authority for management of Protected Areas and Zoological Parks.

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